

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, A TIGER 6 DISCRETIONARY GRANT RELATIVE TO THE WILCOX TUNNEL PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$27,000,000.00), WITH THE CITY MATCHING FUNDS OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000.00) THROUGH LOCAL AND/OR OTHER GRANT FUNDS, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$52,000,000.00).

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for, and if awarded, a TIGER 6 Discretionary Grant relative to the Wilcox Tunnel Project, for an amount up to \$27 million, with the City matching funds of \$25 million through local and/or other grant funds, for a total amount of \$52 million.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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# City of Chattanooga



## Resolution Request Form

Date Prepared: April 8, 2014

Preparer: Bert Kuyrkendall

Department: Transportation

**Brief Description of Purpose for Resolution/Ordinance:**

Res./Ordinance # (if approved by Council)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a TIGER 6 Discretionary Grant relative to the Wilcox Tunnel Project for an amount up to twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000.00) with the City matching funds of twenty-five million dollars (25,000,000.00) through Local and/or other grant funds.

Name of Vendor/Contractor/Grant, etc. TIGER 6  
Total project cost \$ 52,000,000.00  
Total City of Chattanooga Portion \$ 25,000,000.00  
City Amount Funded \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
New City Funding Required \$ 25,000,000.00  
City's Match Percentage % 48%

New Contract/Project? (Yes or No) yes  
Funds Budgeted? (YES or NO) \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide Cost Center \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Funding Source if not budgeted \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Period (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**List all other funding sources and amount for each contributor.**

Amount(s)  
\$27,000,000.00  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grantor(s)  
FHWA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Agency Grant Number \_\_\_\_\_

CFDA Number if known \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: (Include contingency amount, contractor, and other information useful in preparing resolution)

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: FINANCE OFFICE

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL/ADMINISTRATOR

Please submit completed form to @budget, City Attorney and City Finance Officer

Revised: 1/26/09

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

# 2014 WILCOX TUNNEL TIGER GRANT

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Wilcox Boulevard is an urban minor arterial carrying 16,000 to 18,000 average daily traffic (ADT) depending on location. This corridor is a vital link in the east-west movements for the City of Chattanooga and the metropolitan area. The Wilcox Tunnel Expansion (the "Project") would create a new two lane eastbound tunnel, and convert the existing tunnel to a single westbound lane. Improvements to the Wilcox Boulevard corridor would improve the regional traffic flow through the center of the metropolitan area. The need for this improvement is greatly increased by recent economic development in the Enterprise South industrial complex that includes large employers Volkswagen, Amazon, and other international companies. Disadvantaged residents who live in the immediate neighborhood of Wilcox tunnel need to be able access economic opportunities in the region and to live in neighborhoods that are more livable. Improvements to Wilcox corridor can provide an improved direct connection between this area and downtown Chattanooga. Other east-west transportation options require traversing over the south end of Missionary Ridge (I-24) or the north end (Bonnie Oaks Drive). The Wilcox Tunnel, with a level of service (LOS) E, is widely viewed as deficient, a characterization that is borne out by a relatively high level of crashes within the Tunnel and on its approaches. The Tunnel is narrow, devoid of shoulders and does not meet standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The current facility is sub-standard, and since August 2009 cannot accommodate bus traffic, nor can it be used by bicyclists or pedestrians because of safety concerns.

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## BUDGET & TIMELINE

Total Estimated Project Cost Design & Construction = \$52M

Estimated TIGER Grant Award = \$27M

Estimated City Contribution = \$25M

### Projected Timeline Remaining Task

Final Design – February 2015

Construction Procurement – February 25, 2015 to March 25, 2015

Construction Phase – March 25, 2015 to March 25, 2018

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## APPLICATION SCOPE

The City Of Chattanooga will be utilizing consulting support in the grant application process for this TIGER 6 planning grant. The scope for the application process includes:

- Preparation of all application documentation and supporting documents and exhibits
- Providing support to the city for the creation of letters of support, council resolutions, and other required documentation
- Submitting application to the city for review at the 30%, 70% and 95% stages
- Contacting FHWA and TDOT for application guidance
- Submitting application before deadline of April 28, 2014

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## TIGER GRANT OBJECTIVES

In order to be awarded, TIGER Grant Funds applications must meet and address certain criteria:

The FHWA will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

- State of Good Repair: Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs.

- **Economic Competitiveness:** Contributing to the economic competitiveness of the United States over the medium- to long-term.
- **Quality of Life:** Creating affordable and convenient transportation choices through place-based policies and investments that increase transportation choices and access to transportation services for people in communities across the United States.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Improving energy efficiency, reducing dependence on oil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefitting the environment.
- **Safety:** Improving the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and systems.

**Secondary Selection Criteria:**

- **Innovation:** DOT will give priority to projects that use innovative strategies to pursue the long-term outcomes outlined above.
- **Partnership:** DOT will give priority to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a broad range of participants and/or integration of transportation with other public service efforts.

More weight will be given to the Long-Term Outcomes and Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criteria than to the Innovation and Partnership criteria.

Figure 3: Schematic of the Proposed Expanded Wilcox Tunnel

